

ROUTE 20

EDDY POND (AUBURN) 138 Acres



BOAT
ACCESS

SOUTH
STREET

ROUTE 52

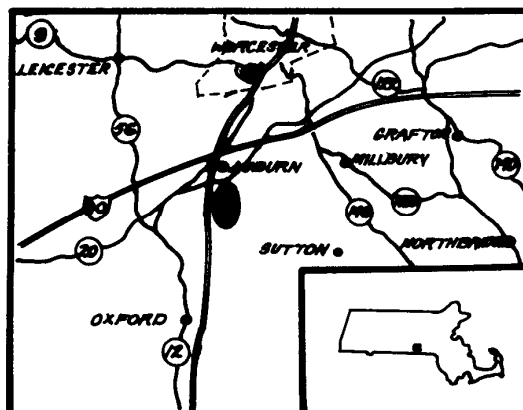
CEDAR

STREET

SCALE : 1" = 725'

NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

LOCATION



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General Information:

Located in the southern portion of Auburn, Eddy Pond totals 134 acres. Much of the pond is extremely shallow. Approximately 60% of the pond (the southern half) is covered with dense beds of aquatic plants such as water lily, cow lily, pond weed, milfoil, pickerelweed and sedges. Depth seldom exceeds two feet in this area and is commonly less than one foot. This area also contains above surface and below surface tree stumps, making boat navigation extremely difficult. The northern half of the pond is deeper (maximum depth 15 feet) but it is often choked with the dense growth of water milfoil.

Route 395 was constructed along the western edge of Eddy Pond during the 1970s, filling in a portion of the pond and cutting off a shallow cove area. A benefit of the highway project was the construction (by the Department of Public Works) of a paved boat launching ramp and parking area. The ramp and lot are open to the public and are located at the end of a short road off of South Street.

Shoreline development is fairly limited at Eddy Pond, although there are several houses, cottages and a trailer park along portions of the north end. Most of the remaining shoreline is undeveloped. Along the east shore where Rt. 395 cuts across the pond, a fence prevents fishing directly from the highway.

Fish Species Present:

The fish population was most recently studied during the summer of 1979. Using electrofishing gear and gill nets, a total of eight species were collected. Gamefish present include largemouth bass and chain pickerel. The panfish complex consists of yellow perch, black crappie, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, and brown bullheads. Golden shiners are also present. Although not collected, it is quite certain that white suckers are also present.

Fishing:

Over the years, Eddy Pond has been known to occasionally yield a lunker largemouth bass. Fishing becomes difficult by late spring and summer after the weeds are in "full bloom." Best fishing should be in early spring for bass and pickerel. Weedless hooks are almost a must. Ice-fishing for yellow perch should also be productive. Some good catches of black crappie ("calicos") are also reported by ice fishermen.

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